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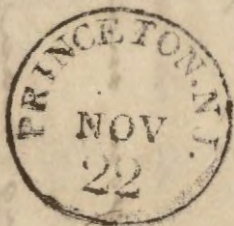
Duty & affection call me again to the remembrance of my beloved mother, & to that enjoyment which I consider as the greatest in the world when separated from my family. You cannot conceive how loving I feel towards you all at these present calamitous times; it causes ^{me} to wish strongly to behold you all again, & indeed if I thought I could not enjoy that comfort in 2 years time from this, I should feel miserable indeed. By former letters you have by this time heard of my situation in Princeton; whatever you may have entertained respecting the dissipation of this place, Believe me, I saw infinitely more in Philadelphia, in fact I have not as yet seen any here; And even if there were; would not my dear mother

place confidence in her son, when he tells her that
he does ^{not} enter into it? no, I will not enter into
it, to waste myself away; I will rather hoard
myself up as treasure to be a support to my
mother who has always treated me with so much
kindness, & who has manifested so much affec-
-tion for me. The reputation of this college
has ^{been} of late, considerably raised, & the number of
students have ~~been~~ very much increased; my
ambition is to make myself a good scholar & to
return home with honor to myself & family, hav-
-ing graduated in the most renowned college in
the Union. Ask the opinion of that amiable
young man Thomas Percy, respecting this place;
he will answer that one who is disposed to study
may obtain here, the most noble of acquisitions

he may polish himself, & has before him every
advantage possible. Thomas Percy was looked upon
by the folks of this Town as one of the finest young
men that ever entered ~~that~~ college together with his
friend Walker; both of whom received honors, as
good scholars.

I keep up a regular correspondence with Archy &
Vaughan. I gave A. your advice which the good
little fellow will certainly attend to. I told A. H.
Vidall that his father was anxious to hear
from him. I agree with you mainly, that he
spends too much for a young man, particularly
living in the country. I believe my expenses here,
can be very little more than \$600 pr. An.

My love to all my dear brothers & Sisters, if you please
From your affectionate brother son
William Dunbar



Mrs William Dunbar

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